

Notes Re: GMC Seminar – “What you Really Need to know about Missionary Women”

- I) Numbers 33 and tie to NT – Susan – 5 – 10 minutes
- II) Context and Challenges of Missionary Women – 5 – 10 minutes
- III) Role of Church in Loving and Supporting Missionary Women – 15 minutes
- IV) How My Parents Learned to Eat – Susan – 5 – 10 minutes

Purpose :

To know how to better love and support missionary women through understanding their context and challenges

Context: all they go to –

Language,
Health Care System
Transport
Paying bills
Schooling
Cooking (different ingredients)
Kitchen
Laundry
Squatty potty
Stared at all day because you look different
No baby-sitters
Stores close at 5pm and on weekends
Noise
Crowding
Porno
Safety issues
Natural disasters

Challenges – what they left behind –

Familiar church
Family
Home
Cleanliness
Order
Services in community
Time – things are ordered and on time
Green space
Convenience
Understood
Communicate well
Know where to find a toilet

Toilet Paper available
Paper Towels
Potable Water

Lay Foundations of Cultural differences –

- 1) Time
- 2) Life
- 3) Power Distance
- 4) Authority
- 5) Stresses
- 6) Imagined Stressors

How to Love Missionary Women well -

- 1) Listen well
- 2) Learn more about them and their background and experiences on the field
- 3) Initiate relationships
- 4) Show interest

How to Support Missionary Women well -

- 1) Practical Helps of housing, car, schooling helps
- 2) Pass to athletic events
- 3) Briefing on media, social, and cultural changes – ie what is going on in America
- 4) Invite to meals or coffees
- 5) Include in Spiritual retreats or social activities – provide scholarship to these events